

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on March 3, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Rod Bitney (R)

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 90, SB 210, SB 296, SB 396
2/20/99

Executive Action: SB 90, SB 210, SB 396

HEARING ON SB 210

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Lynch introduced SB 210.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 28}

Proponents' Testimony: Hal Aaser, American Chapter of Home
Inspectors. **EXHIBIT**(buh48a03)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28 - 122}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
Reps. Trexler, Squires, Stovall, Lawson, Barnett and Krenzler
questioned Aaser. Rep. Simon questions Senator Lynch.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 122 - 500}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Lynch closed.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 22}

HEARING ON SB 396

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Bartlett introduced SB 396.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22 - 61}

Proponents' Testimony: Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance
Assn.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 61 - 102}

Nancy Butler, State Fund
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 102 - 118}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 118 - 150}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
Rep. Simon questioned Don Judge.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 150 - 170}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Bartlett closed.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 170 - 196}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 396

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that SB 396 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 16-0. Rep. Brown, Sliter and Bitney were excused or absent and did not vote.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 196 - 201}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 210

Motion: REP. TUSS moved that SB 210 BE CONCURRED IN.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 201 - 208}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved that SB 210 BE AMENDED. Motion passed 16-0. Rep. Brown, Sliter and Bitney were excused or absent and did not vote.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 208 - 215}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved that SB 210 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 16-0. Rep. Brown, Sliter and Bitney were excused or absent and did not vote.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 215 - 222}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that SB 210 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 15-1 with Ewer voting no. Rep. Brown, Sliter and Bitney were excused or absent and did not vote.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 222 - 250}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that SB 210 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 11-4 with Barnett, Krenzler, McKenney, and Trexler voting no. Rep. Brown, Sliter and Bitney were excused or absent and did not vote.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 250 - 365}

HEARING ON SB 90

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Stang introduced SB 90.

EXHIBIT (buh48a01) **EXHIBIT** (buh48a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 365 - 495}

Proponents' Testimony: Pauline LaTray, Department of Labor,
Veterans Advocate.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - 103}

Jim Jackson, Montana Veterans Affairs

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 103 - 118}

Hal Manson, American Legion of Montana

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 118 - 135}

John Sloan, Disabled American Veterans.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 135 - 148}

Chuck Miller, Vietnam Veterans Assn. and employee of Job Service,
Bozeman, MT

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 148 - 149}

Opponents' Testimony: Kate Choleva, Montana Women's Lobby

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 149 - 176}

Informational Testimony: John McEwen, State Personnel Director,
Dept. of Administration.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 495 - 500}

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Ewer and
Juneau question McEwen. Reps. Squires and Pavlovich question
Choleva.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 176 - 319}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Stang closed. Rep. Pavlovich to
carry bill in the house.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 319 - 378}

HEARING ON SB 296

Sponsor: Senator Nelson, SD 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Nelson introduced SB 296.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 378 - 433}

Proponents' Testimony: Ralph Peck, Director, Dept. of
Agriculture.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 433 - 460}

Gary Weins, Montana Electric Coops and Montana Farmers Union.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 460 - 500}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Ewer, Krenzler, McKenney, Stovall, Masolo, Tuss and Bookout questions witnesses.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 204}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Nelson closed. Rep. Tuss to carry bill in House.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 204 - 230}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 90

Motion: REP. LAWSON moved that SB 90 BE CONCURRED IN.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 230 - 248}

Motion/Vote: REP. LAWSON moved that SB 90 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 15-0. Reps. Brown, Sliter and Bitney were excused or absent and did not vote. **EXHIBIT**(buh48a04)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 248 - 260}

Motion/Vote: REP. LAWSON moved that SB 90 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 15-0. Reps. Brown, Sliter and Bitney were excused or absent and did not vote.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 260 - 270}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30 AM

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh48aad)